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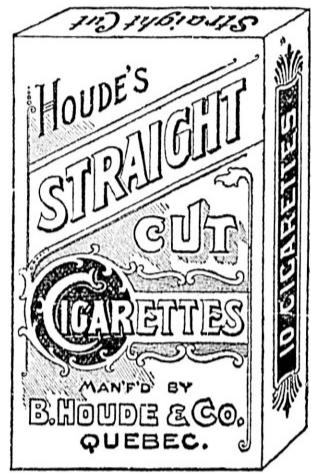
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To make room for NEW STOCK we are selling a number of small lots of FINE WALL PAPERS at greatly reduced prices.

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Carve your turkey with a pair of our Game Carvers. See our stock of Table Cutlery. Nothing but the best Sheffield makes. Choose from this list for something useful. Ladies' Companions and Sissor Cases, Shaving Sets, Razor Cases, Toilet Cases, 200 Patterns of Pocket Knives, See our Purses, Nail Brushes, Mirrors, etc.

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From London Mr. Herbert Guthbert

Leading Auctioneer.

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Christmas Auction Sale

OF ELEGANT

Furniture and Effects

ON-

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21,

AT 2 P.M.

THE CITY AUCTION MART, 73 and 73½ YATES STREET.

Thursday Next December 21st
at 2 and 7 p.m.

Under instructions I will sell by public auction as above, valuable

Port Angel's City Lots.

SIZE 50X10.

Must be sold; absolutely no reserve. Do not miss this grand opportunity.

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At my spacious salerooms, 77, 79 and 81 Douglas Street.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22 AT 2 P.M.

Valuable Furniture.

China, Glassware, Carpets, Cutlery, etc.

This will be the last auction before Christmas. Particulars later.

WM. T. HARDAKER, The Auctioneer.

Including in part: Handsome Solid Oak Combination Secretaire and Book Case, with French Plates, Mirrors and adjustable Clocks; 5ft. Gothic Oak Double Wing Book Case, a very neat Library furnishing; several massive Golden Oak and Mahogany Centre Tables; Gardiner Stands; Elegant Oak Rockers, armchairs and cov'rs; oak with red leather Seats; and Backs; Oak and Walnut Rockers in Tapestry and Plush; handsome Lounges and Couches; Bed Lounges; Battans and Reed Rockers; Children's Rockers and High Chairs; very fine Oak Dining Room Table, Settles, Bamboo and Oak Whitewash; very fine Solid Oak Side Board, with Plate Glass back, the very latest Board made; a 10 foot Solid Oak Extension Dining Table, with massive Legs and ornate Pedestal; Old Pine Kitchen Cabinet; 2 Arm Chairs to match; Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Chiffoniers in Solid Oak, used with Iron Bedsteads; 2 Golden Oak Bed Sets; Ash Bed Sets; fine Woven Wire Mattresses; Combination Top Mattresses; Polled, Newborn, Vandyke; Crocker; Oak Stove; Kitchen Tables and Chairs, and a lot of useful household re-

I wish to call my patrons' attention to the fact that our first sale is to be conducted at my salerooms, 77, 79 and 81 Douglas Street, on Friday evening, December 22, at 2 p.m. Under instructions I will sell by public auction as above, valuable

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Sale rooms 37 and 39 Langley street, opposite Law Courts. Telephone 683.

Spectacle At Ottawa.

Again Cabinet Squabble Reported Over Expense of Canadian Contingent.

Brigade of Artillery Called For With the Permanent Batteries as Nucleus.

Commander in Yukon May Have the Cavalry—Two Les as Nucleus.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet wrestled all day over the second contingent and have no announcement to make. It appears to be the lamentable fact that at a time when the country demands prompt action pacifically considerations are allowed to interfere with the sending of a contingent which will do honor to the Dominion. A minority in the cabinet headed by Tarte are kicking vigorously and the result is absolute paralysis in the work of preparation. The trouble is over the pay of the men and the expense of the expedition.

Sir Wilfrid went to Montreal last night to wrestle with the Master of the Administration. The Premier went to Montreal again to-night on the same mission. He left the council early for the purpose of taking the train and was rather apt to newspaper men when asked for news. When the council rose Dr. Borden intimated that there was nothing to announce. Other ministers were equally uncommunicative.

Meanwhile officials of the militia and mounted police departments are waiting patiently for something to turn up. Tarte is said, wants the Imperial government to pay the entire bill of expenditure of the entire contingent.

The composition of the artillery division has been finally decided upon by the militia authorities. It is contemplated to despatch three field batteries, constituting a brigade division, composed of 18 guns, 21 wagons, 513 officers and men and 393 horses. The scheme is to utilize A and B batteries as the nucleus of the volunteer batteries of the contingent. The mobilization would be carried out as follows: One section of A battery would be the nucleus of the Knights, another section being brought to Ottawa for a similar purpose. B battery would be made the nucleus of the Quebec corps. How far this plan will be adhered to has, however, become a matter of conjecture, since the authorization of the cabinet is withheld.

As for the cavalry division of four squadrons, it would appear that the scheme of the militia department for its enrolment is also in abeyance. That the framework of each squadron will be Northwest Mounted Police and Royal Canadian Dragoons is taken for granted. But no orders appear to have been sent out either to Toronto or Regina looking to these two mounted bodies for service in South Africa.

Hugh Allan of the Allan Steamship Company was in the city in connection with the subject of the transportation of troops to Capetown. The steamship Parisian has been offered for service. Another offer comes in the Elder-Deinster Company, of the large freighter Montezuma, a steamer which carried a large consignment of army mules from the United States to South Africa. It is said the Montezuma is of sufficient capacity to transport the contingent in its entirety.

Col. Evans could have command of the cavalry, but it is feared he cannot arrive from Dawson in time. Therefore it is likely Lessard will have command of the cavalry and Drury of the artillery. Both officers are now in South Africa.

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The same order invites every Volunteer regiment that is allied with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the Yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,432. Their services have never been called in war before.

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Imperial Yeomanry

Supply Ten Thousand Mounted Men Answering First Call to Arms.

Each Volunteer Corps to Send Company to Its Allied Regiment of Regulars.

London Firms Contributing Expenses of Regiment From That City.

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GENERAL LAWTON'S FATE.

The Lately Missing American Commander Shot by the Rebels at San Mateo.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major-General Henry Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the war office had received no word of Gen. Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press despatches. The cabinet members received the news with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that Gen. Lawton's commission as a brigadier-general in the regular army was in process of preparation when the news of his death was received.

The war department only to-night received official confirmation. Gen. Lawton, it appears, was engaged in driving the insurgents from San Mateo section, northeast of Manila, when he was killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. "A great loss to us and his country," is the comment of Gen. Otis in his despatch.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day in memoriam of the soldiers killed in South Africa. The Lord Mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, and the city officials attended in their robes of office. The cathedral was thronged, those present including the Duke of Cambridge and the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war.

LONDON VOLUNTEERS READY.

London, Dec. 19.—Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London have volunteered for service in South Africa. Two-thirds of the Inns of Court volunteers, composed of barristers and solicitors, have likewise tendered their services.

PARISIAN AS A TRANSPORT.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Dominion government is negotiating with the Allan Steamship Company for the transportation of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa. It is expected that the Parisian will be chartered as a troopship.

RICE! RICE!

Chi Rice is the best and cheapest food for poultry. Feed hot in the morning. For sale only at

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City Market.

Tel. 413.

All Subject to Confirmation.

EARL TANKERVILLE DEAD.

London, Dec. 19.—The Earl of Tankerville (Charles Bennett) is dead. He has been born, Colonel of the First Battalion of Northumberland Fusiliers since 1874.

The Marquis of Queensberry, who was

found insensible in bed at his club yesterday, is now in a critical condition.

LONDON BANK FAILS.

London, Dec. 19.—The failure of the London & Northern Bank, Limited, was announced to-day. The directors issued a statement showing that its assets should fully cover liabilities.

EVERYBODY IS COUGHING.

Except those who use Dr. Chase's

Liquid and Turpentine, the liquid which

heys the inflammation, heals the sores and

promptly cures all sorts of coughs and colds, bronchitis, croup, asthma and sore throat. It is found in nine-tenths of the homes of this country. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

Dr. S. M. Hartman

DENTIST.

Inventor of an apparatus for Cleft

Tugela River Story Re-told.

Delayed Press Dispatches Give Additional Facts of Buller's Advance.

British Artillery Had Done Excellent Work Before the Mishap Occured.

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 19.—Special reports regarding the fighting at Tugela River are still filtering through but all the newspapers complain that these reports are severely censored and it is still impossible to get an accurate story of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela River.

ONE CENSORED STORY.

Cheviot Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Cheviot to-day, intending to assault the Boer positions which were known to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded with one despatch to reply with a single shot. They further gave half an hour's warning that when suddenly they lobbed out a storm of fire from all their entrencheds, besides opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-firing guns, field and siege guns which were posted from end to end of their position.

When their present and actual positions had been determined, the British Naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town, with marvellous accuracy. All this time the artillery attached Gen. Hart's division was busy among the entrenchments on the hills on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train which forced to change its position.

While this was transpiring, the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

CAIRO TO THE CAPE.
London, Dec. 20.—The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam 16 knots.

MAY TAKE DELAGOA BAY.

British Must Act If Portugal Continues to Allow Passage of Boer Supplies.

London, Dec. 20.—The Standard hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

YOU TRY IT.
If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00, does not cure take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

NEW SOUTH WALES' OFFERING.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 19.—The government of this colony has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?
Statistics show that 25 per cent. of men and women suffer the torture of toothaches. Investigation proves that Dr. Chas. O'Neil has never failed to relieve many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

CEMENT MINE CAVE-IN.

Kingston, N.Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York and Rosedale cement works at Rosedale this morning. Fifteen miners were reported buried, but later it was reported that all the men escaped.

WHAT IS SHILOH?

A grand old remedy for Coughs, Colds and Diseases of the Lungs. It has stood through the world for half a century, has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Her Majesty Will Entertain Wives and Children of the Soldiers Serving in Africa.

London, Dec. 20.—The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on December 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. You will be served, Her Majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas tree 25 feet high will be covered with gifts.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Hugh John Macdonald Secures Another Seat—Liberals Adopt Patron Member
—Winnipeg Offer of Infantry Corps.

Special to the Colonist.
COTTON OPERATIVES' WAGES.
Cornwall, Dec. 19.—Operatives of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company here, some two thousand in number, have been advised of a 10 per cent. rise in their wages, to take effect January 1.

OFFERS INFANTRY.
Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Col. Ruttan, commanding the 90th Battalion, has made an offer to the militia department at Ottawa to furnish a corps of 500 infantry, specially picked for active service in South Africa.

THE PATRON-LIBERAL.
Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—J. M. Douglas, Liberal member for East Assiniboin, was re-nominated at a convention of the party held at Moosomin to-day as a candidate at the next general elections.

ANOTHER FOR HUGH JOHN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Balldwinson, Conservative, is elected in Gimli by eight majority. Final returns were received to-day.

AN ERRING BOOKKEEPER.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—J. P. Hamilton, bookkeeper for Morley & Armstrong, the wholesale bead and shoe firm which assigned lately, has been missing for the last ten days. He is a defaulter to a considerable amount. The defalcation is responsible for the suspension of the firm.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Chancellor Boyd has rendered judgment in favor of the province in the case of the crown against the executors of the late Daniel Scott, millionaire tobacco merchant of Detroit, for succession duties amounting to \$15,000, being 5 per cent. of \$900,000, which the late millionaire had deposited in Canadian banks.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Elections in municipalities outside of Winnipeg city were held to-day in Manitoba. In many cases contests were fought on political issues, the excitement over the recent elections not having cooled down. W. J. Cooper was elected mayor of Portage la Prairie; F. W. Colclough, mayor of West Selkirk; and N. Dickie, mayor of Carberry.

YOUNG MOTHERS.

Croup is the terror of thousands of young mothers because its outbreak is so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure acts like magic in the case of Croup. It has never been known to fail. The word croup, therefore, immediately, Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

DRINKWATER-FAYETTE.

At the Roman Catholic church, Esquimalt, yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. A. Drinkwater, the owner of Clayquot, and Miss Fayette, the daughter of one of the early settlers in that district, were united in marriage by Rev. Father Nicolay. Mr. George Powell supported the groom, while the bride was attended by Miss M. McFadden. After the ceremony the party sat down to a wedding repast at the Hotel Victoria.

THE HEALTH HABIT.

Further Protection Against Chinese Labor Promised by the Conservative Leader.

JUST AS EASY TO FORM AS ANY OTHER.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us, we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones; in other words, contract the unfashionable habit of being always well?

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach without any assistance.

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient digestive which will relieve the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such digestives, and when they are combined in a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyepsia Tablets they give the over-worked stomach just the necessary assistance to secure perfect digestion without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

The habit of taking Stuart's Dyepsia Tablets after meals is as necessary to the weak stomach as food itself, and indeed to get the benefit from food eaten: nothing better and certainly nothing safer can be used.

Many families consider Stuart's Tablets as essential in the house as knives and forks.

They consist entirely of natural digestive principles without the sweet or sharp tastes of drugs; they have no cathartic action, but simply go to work on the fat eaten and digest it.

Take into account your bad habits and the expense they entail, and then invest fifty cents in a box of Stuart's Dyepsia Tablets, and see if your digestion for the next month is not vastly improved.

Ask the clerk in any drug store the name of the most successful and popular stomach remedy, and he will say "Stuart's."

THE JAPAN DIT.—They supplied us with the japs contained in that wonderful D. & L. Menthol Plaster, which relieves instantly backache, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism and sciatica. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

THREE STAR BRANDY.

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS

Vancouver's News Budget.

Hotel Enterprise Credited to Tramway Company—Field for Comox Coal.

Mr. Martin Sets a Date--The Disputed Commitment to Insane Asylum.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—The B.C. Electric Railway Co. are reported on good authority to be about to build a palatial hotel at a cost of \$100,000 on the site now occupied by their offices on the corner of Hastings and Carroll streets. Construction may not commence for some time, but the present intention is to erect a stone and brick edifice which will be the pride of the city. Cars will run under a magnificient stone archway and the general offices of the company will be above the hotel proper reached by elevators apart from the hotel itself. Several attempts to see General Superintendent Buntzen in connection with this interesting story failed owing to that gentleman's time being entirely taken up with special business for the company. The report must therefore be given for what it is worth.

The increasing use and popularity on the Mainland of the product of the Union Fisheries has drawn attention anew to those that can be suitable for blacksmiths' purposes not equal to the finest English blacksmiths' tools. It costs something like \$60 a ton to lay down the English article in Lillooet camp and while the Comox article can be delivered for about half that.

Mr. C. F. Higgins of the Chemainus mill was in the city yesterday. He stated that the mill is running full capacity and that they would very shortly have to increase the number of men employed.

The board of trade are now considering the questions of advertising the Northern gold fields jointly with the Vancouver route and the building of a wagon road to the Okanagan country.

G. H. Manchester, M.D., assistant superintendent of the insane asylum, has reported in the case of the patient Ross committed to the asylum recently by the city. Many people believe that Ross was not insane or not sufficiently insane to be forcibly detained. The report was to the effect that Ross should be kept in the asylum, to prevent his doing injury to himself or causing public scandal. His hallucinations are that he is persecuted by the police and that he is able to talk down any wise men pitted against him on public topics. Dr. Manchester says that the poor man's opinion of himself has led him into the bounds of egotism and that his stories of persecutions are extravagant and unreal. The report is in answer to the demand of the Trades and Labor Council that Ross be re-examined owing to the statement that the police wanted him out of the way because he knew too much.

Mr. Jos. Martin has fixed on the 28th of December as the date of his address to the electors.

FORESTERS' BALL.

A Very Successful Dance Held at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Evening.

A jolly crowd, numbering upwards of 200, assembled at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, last evening, in response to invitations to attend the annual dance under the auspices of the Companions of the Forest and Court Northern Light, No. 5,935. A. O. F. Everything conduced to the pleasure of those fortunate enough to be in attendance, the hall being elaborately decorated, the floor in excellent condition, and the supper well prepared and splendidly served. Dancing continued until an early hour this morning, when the gathering dispersed, after a vote of thanks to the following committee, responsible for the success of the evening: Messrs. Hancock, Henley, and Hensley; and Mesdames Stellek, Hawkes, Smith and Chislett.

The music for the dance was supplied by the Shelly-Davis orchestra, and was in every way excellent.

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Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 19.—There was a complete revolution in sentiment in Wall Street yesterday, and the latter part of the session of the stock exchange witnessed something like a panic among the bears, who were making frantic efforts to secure stocks to cover short contracts and bidding prices up on themselves. Prices closed as follows:

Amn. Cotton Oil	31 1/4
Tob.	88
Amn. Sugar	127 1/2
Anaconda	35 1/2
A. T. & S. S.	183
A. S. & W.	37 1/2
B. & O.	52
C. & T.	74 1/2
C. S.	89
C. & O.	49 1/2
C. P. & Q.	28 1/2
C. G.	116 1/2
C. & N. W.	66 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	153 1/2
Con. Tob.	104 1/2
Con. Gas.	27
Colo. Fuel.	185
C. C. & St. L.	38 1/2
D. & L.	175
D. & H.	113 1/2
D. & R. G. pfd.	67 1/2
Fed. Steel.	45 1/2
G. E.	118
L. & N.	70 1/2
Mo. Pac.	38
Met. Traction.	160 1/2
Nat. Lead.	23 1/2
C. P. com.	51 1/2
N. Y. P.	74
N. Y. C. & E. W. pfd.	139 1/2
N. Y. O. & W.	29
Omaha com.	21 1/2
P. M.	118
Pullman.	38
Southern.	179 1/2
Sou. Pac.	11
Tex. & Pac.	35 1/2
U. S. Leather.	145
U. S. Rubber.	125 1/2
U. P.	39
Wabash.	44
W. U.	74
PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.	
Chicago, Dec. 19.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—60¢; Corn—50¢; May 70¢; Oats—53¢; May 32¢; Oats—22¢; May 24¢; C. 24¢.	

Shares and Produce.

(Reported by J. T. McKillop.)

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
May	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Corn	33	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
May	33	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Pork	10.27	10.27	10.20	10.25
May	10.27	10.27	10.20	10.25
Liverpool Wheats	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
May	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2

CHILLIWACK RAILWAY.

Text of the By-law Now Receiving the Consideration of the Council.

The following is the railway and ferry proposition now under discussion by the council and the special subject for their meeting this evening:

A BY-LAW.

To add a railway company to be formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria and Sidney Railway and extending the same, and operating a Ferry System between Sidney or the terminus of such extension on the Saanich Peninsula and some convenient point on the mainland of British Columbia.

Whereas, and also, by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act," it is lawful for every municipality, may from time to time, make by-laws for subscribing for any number of shares in the capital stock of any incorporated railway and for exempting the funds and works of any such company from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years; provided, that no shares shall be subscribed for any company whose lands, bridges and works are not either wholly or in part within the limits of the municipality.

And whereas, by certain articles of agreement, bearing date the — day of December, A. D. 1899, certain powers and privileges were granted by the corporation of the city of Victoria to Joseph A. Sayward, David Spencer, Frederick B. Penberton, William Munro and Clement E. Renfrew (hereinafter called "The Trustees"), and which said agreement is in the words and figures following:

Agreement made and entered into this — day of — December, 1899, between the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinbefore called the "Corporation," of the first part and Joseph A. Sayward, merchant, David Spencer, merchant, Frederick B. Penberton, financial agent, William Munro, merchant, and Clement E. Renfrew, merchant, all of the city of Victoria, aforesaid, hereinafter called "the Trustees," and their agents, of the second part,

benefit of the company the trustees have requested the corporation to grant them certain rights, franchises, powers and privileges and to subscribe for and become the holders of shares of the capital stock of the company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

Now therefore this agreement in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained on the part of each of the parties hereto to be done and performed, witnesseth as follows:

1. The trustees shall and will immediately upon the assent of the electors of the said corporation being obtained to a by-law authorizing the corporation to subscribe for shares of the capital stock of the company, petition the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia and the parliament of Canada, or either of them at the next ensuing sitting thereof, to pass an act incorporating the company hereinbefore referred to with an authorized capital of not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and for all the powers, rights, privileges and franchises necessary and proper to enable the company most effectually to carry out the objects above set forth, and such other objects as the trustees may deem advisable.

2. That the company shall construct and equip a passenger steamship of not less than 150 feet in length with a licensed capacity of not less than 150 first-class passengers per trip, and also to carry mails, fast freight and express matter between the port of Sidney or other terminus on Vancouver Island and the point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia at least two round trips per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of not less than eighteen knots per hour and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the said ports in any weather.

3. The company shall construct and equip a twin-screw flying steamship capable of carrying ten laden freight cars of standard gauge and load capacity of 30,000 lbs each and maintain and operate the same between the said ports at least one round trip per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such flying steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of nine miles per hour and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the said ports aforesaid in any weather.

4. Provided, however, that the corporation shall incur no liability in respect to its subscription for the said shares unless and until the company shall have either by the sale of its shares to a municipality, provincial, or federal bonus, grants or guarantees in aid of the construction of the said undertaking, or have had otherwise secured to it for the purpose of its undertaking a sum of not less than —

5. So soon as the matters mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs aforesaid are carried out and the company has acquired capital sufficient for its purposes the company shall forthwith acquire the property and assets of the Victoria & Sidney Railway company and shall proceed to lay a single line of rail of the standard gauge from Point Roberts or some other convenient point aforesaid on the mainland to the town of Chilliwack by the route hereinbefore mentioned.

6. The corporation hereby gives and grants unto the said company the right and power to pass over, across and along such streets and highways of the corporation as the company and the corporation may deem most suitable for such purposes lying and being between the present terminus of the Victoria & Sidney railway on Hillside avenue, in the said city of Victoria, and some point at or near the harbor front of the said city;

Provided, however, that such extension of the Victoria & Sidney railway shall connect with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway company, and that the route of the proposed extension of the said Victoria & Sidney railway and the construction thereof shall be subject to the approval of the city engineer or some other competent person appointed or approved by the corporation, and all repairs, additions or alterations of the same shall be subject to the same approval.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals, and the corporation has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed to your first above written.

And whereas it is expedient and necessary to raise a sum of money for the purpose of subscribing as mentioned in the said agreement, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars towards the capital of the company, and for that purpose use the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

And whereas it will require the sum of thirty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$32,800.00) to be raised annually by rate of payment of the new debt and interest:

And whereas the whole ratable land and improvements on real property of the said corporation of the city of Victoria, according to the last revised assessment roll for the year 1899, is \$133,907.84;

And whereas this by-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council;

And whereas it is intended to reduce the general rate so that the special rate will not increase the total rate of taxation;

And whereas a petition under section 69 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" has been presented to the municipal council signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the real property in the said city requesting the said council to introduce a by-law with the hereinbefore recited object;

Therefore the municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The said agreement hereinbefore recited shall be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the said Joseph A. Sayward, David Spencer, Frederick B. Penberton, William Munro and Clement E. Renfrew and the company to be hereinafter formed by them are hereby authorized to exercise the right and power to pass over, across and along such streets and highways of the corporation as the company and the corporation may deem most suitable for its purposes lying and being between the points mentioned in the said agreement, and to operate the said railway under the conditions, provisions and restrictions (and not otherwise) in the said agreement and such other regulations as are herein set forth.

2. It shall be lawful for the mayor of the corporation of the city of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said corporation by way of debentures hereinafter mentioned from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding the whole sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per year, for sterling maturities of four dollars and eighty-six and one-hundredthousandths per pound sterling, and to receive all such sums so raised and received to be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the said corporation for the purpose of subscribing the said sum of five hundred thousand dollars to the company with the object and upon the conditions mentioned in the said agreement.

3. It shall be lawful for the said mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), either in currency or sterling money at the rate of four dollars and eighty-six and one-hundredthousandths per pound sterling, as may be required, each of the said debentures being of the amount of one thousand dollars or its equivalent, at the rate of four per cent, and such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the corporation and signed by the mayor thereon.

4. The said debentures shall bear date the first day of July, 1899, and shall be made payable in twenty-five years from the said date at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, as may be designated thereon, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest and the signatures to the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

5. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent, per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly of such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada as may be

expressed in the debentures and coupons.

6. It shall be lawful for the said mayor to cause the said debentures and the interest coupons either or both to be made payable at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada as may be desired.

7. In the purchase of or by annually a certain sum of sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency there shall be raised annually the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and for the purpose of raising annually a certain sum for the payment of the debt at maturity there shall be raised annually the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars.

8. The said annual sums in the next preceding paragraphs mentioned shall be raised and levied in each year by a rate sufficient therefore on all the ratable land or improvements or real property in the municipality of the said corporation of the city of Victoria during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. It shall be lawful for the said municipal council from time to time to purchase any of the said debentures, and such debentures shall be so expressed as to entitle the said council to redeem and purchase the same on paying the amount thereof and the interest due thereon at the date of such purchase to the holder or holders thereof at any time after twenty years from the date of issuance of the said debentures.

10. This by-law shall before the final passage thereof receive the assent of the electors of the said corporation in the manner provided for by the "Municipal Clauses Act" and amendments thereto, and shall take effect on the first day of February, 1900.

11. The costs and expenses of and incidental to the advertising and obtaining of the vote of the ratepayers upon this by-law shall be paid by the company and an amount sufficient to cover the same shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer of the corporation before the third reading of this by-law.

12. This by-law may be cited as the "Victoria & Sidney Railway Extension and Loan By-Law, 1900."

Passed the Municipal Council the day of — 1899.

Received the assent of the electors on the day of January, 1900.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed the Council this day of — 1900.

SICKLY CHILDREN.

Some children are pale, weak and puny from birth, others become as such through disease, all are easily affected to health and vigor by a treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. It is nature's greatest restorative for pale, weak, nervous men, women and children. It gives roundness to the form and color to the check of the pale and emaciated, and new vigor to every motion of the body.

13. The company shall at Sidney or other port on Vancouver Island and at the Mainland of British Columbia acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise sufficient land and shall maintain and operate such wharf docks, slips, sheds, warehouses and depots, and lay down such tracks and provide and maintain all such other buildings and terminal works as shall be necessary for the accommodation, transfer and transportation on and over the said railway of the corporation of all classes of traffic, both freight and passenger.

14. The company shall make traffic arrangements and enter into contracts with at least one of the transcontinental railways crossing the line of the said railway for an interchange of traffic and equipment so that all traffic, both passenger and freight, may be carried over the railway of the company on the Mainland and the railway of the said transcontinental line with transferring traffic from the railway passenger coaches or freight cars respectively of the company or of the said transcontinental railway respectively.

15. The mayor for the time being of the city of Victoria shall ex-officio be a director of the corporation so long as the corporation shall hold any shares in the company.

16. From and after the first day of March, 1901, the company shall call upon the city of Victoria being called upon to pay any interest upon the bonds of the Victoria & Sidney railway under the by-law in aid of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company lawfully adopted by the municipal council on the 26th day of July, 1892, indemnify and save harmless the corporation from any and all such payments thereafter to become due and payable under and by virtue of the said by-law and of and from all claims or demands in respect thereof.

17. The company shall be liable for all damages arising out of the construction or operation of the works herein contemplated, within the municipality.

18. If the company neglect to keep its tracks or roadway between the same or crossings between and on each side of the rails in accordance with the good condition and to have repaired any repair made, the city engineer or other proper officer shall give notice thereof to the company requiring such repairs to be made forthwith; and if not made within a reasonable time, the said city engineer or other officer or officers of the said corporation may cause the repairs to be made and the amount so expended by the corporation may be recovered against the company in any court of competent jurisdiction.

19. Before breaking up opening or interfering with any of the said streets for the purpose of constructing the said railway, the trustees shall give or cause to be given to the corporation at least thirty days' notice of their intention so to do, — but no more than 2,500 feet — the said street shall be broken up or opened at any one point, and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption and as rapidly as the same can be carried on due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

20. During the construction of the said works due and proper care shall be taken to leave sufficient space and crossings so that the traffic and travel on the said streets and other streets intersecting same shall not be unnecessarily impeded, and proper lights or lanterns shall be provided and kept by the said parties of the second part,

21. The location of the said rail way in the streets shall not be made until the plans thereon showing the position of the rails and other works in each streets shall have been submitted to the approval of the city engineer or other such officer as aforesaid.

22. All work in constructing such railway shall be made in a substantial manner according to the most approved modern methods and shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the city engineer or other such officer or person as the municipal council of the said corporation shall appoint for that purpose.

23. The corporation shall and will at the request of and for the use and benefit of the company at its option grant and demise for a term of not less than fifty years at an annual rental not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, the buildings, grounds, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging of the premises known as the city market, more particularly known and described as lots 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511 and half of 589 of block N. of the city of Victoria.

24. The lands and improvements of the company within the limits of the municipality of the city of Victoria shall be exempted from municipal taxation of any and every kind whatsoever and for any and every purpose whatsoever by the corporation for a period of ten years.

25. The company shall begin the construction of the said undertaking within eighteen months from the date when aforesaid by hereinbefore mentioned shall have received the assent of the electors of the municipality of the city of Victoria and shall complete the whole undertaking ready for operation within three years thereafter and shall continuously operate the same thereafter.

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THE WAR.

Yesterday was very barren of war news, the sole feature being the refusal of the war office either to admit or deny the report that Gen. Buller had crossed the Tugela, and that Gen. Methuen's line of communication had been cut.

The call for reinforcements for South Africa is being met in a noble manner in the colonies as well as in the Mother Country. There will be no difficulty about procuring as many men as may be wanted.

We do not understand the alarmist articles which some of the London papers are printing about India. The best way to preserve peace is to carry on war in a manner that admits of no other construction than that the Empire is confident of its ability to meet any emergency and determined to win at any cost. It is to be remembered in this connection that only the pessimistic comments of the press are telegraphed to America, and these are given without the qualifying context.

THE BOUNDARY BAY SCHEME.

To-night the city council will discuss the proposed by-law to lend the aid of the city to a scheme to construct a railway from Boundary Bay to Chilliwack, to establish a ferry connection with the Victoria & Sidney line, to acquire that railway, and to extend it to connect with the E. & N. railway. While every one in Victoria would be glad to see some kind of railway connection established with the Mainland, the proposed plan will hardly commend itself to the taxpayers.

Who is behind this project? Mr. C. E. Renouf has been most active in championing it, but he has taken the precaution to say at one or more public meetings that when the by-law has been adopted his connection with the enterprise will cease, so that he is not to be regarded as the responsible individual. Trustees are named in the by-law, but we do not understand that they are promoting the scheme. It is calculated that certain individuals shall subscribe \$100,000. As yet not a dollar has been promised. There is no man or combination of men who are prepared to say that, if the city adopts the proposed by-law the scheme will be taken up. We submit that the city council, if it has the right to decline to submit a by-law under any circumstances, should exercise that power when one involving the prospective pledging of the credit of the city to a large and indefinite amount is brought forward without the slightest guarantee that any one is prepared to carry the proposal into effect. It is not suggested by any one that the \$500,000 which the city is to be asked to contribute as stock will secure the construction of the proposed railway and ferry. It is not proposed that the city shall undertake to work the scheme through. Now we submit that a proposal, which is such an insubstantial thing that no one stands prepared to assume the responsibility of carrying it out, ought not to be considered by the people of Victoria for a single moment.

The scheme contemplates that the Victoria & Sidney railway shall be acquired and extended to a junction with the E. & N. No one pretends to know for a certainty what this will cost, but it has been said that Mr. Paterson thinks \$150,000 will be sufficient. The undisclosed promoters of the scheme do not state how they propose to extend the line to connect with the E. & N. If they propose to deflect the V. & S. out of the bank of the Arno and run down along that water front, the proposed \$150,000 will not half pay for the right-of-way.

If they propose, as the by-law indicates, to run down through some street or streets, the right-of-way will cost nothing at all, which will leave \$150,000 to pay for a wharf at Sidney, the balance, or something over \$100,000, to go to Mr. Paterson for the railway. Some people may think that a portion of the money will be required to put the V. & S. into condition to handle transcontinental traffic, but Mr. Paterson, on being asked about this at a public meeting, said that the road was already fit for such business. Mr. Renouf has said on several occasions that no one felt like asking Mr. Paterson how much he will take for the V. & S.; but we submit that one thing the people of Victoria will want to know is how much Mr. Paterson is to be given for the railway. As a matter of business we submit that this lies at the very foundation of the whole matter. Before the by-law is submitted to a vote the ratepayers ought to have definite information upon the following points in this connection:

How is it proposed to extend the V. & S. into the centre of the city?

What will be the approximate cost of the proposed terminals at Sidney?

What will be the cost, if any, of putting the V. & S. into condition to handle transcontinental traffic?

How much is Mr. Paterson willing to take and surrender his interest in the V. & S.?

If the V. & S. is to be extended down any one or more of the public streets, is it contemplated to compensate abutting owners for the damage resulting to their property, and if so what will the amount of such damage be?

All that any one knows upon these points is what can be gathered from remarks of Mr. Renouf at several public meetings, to the effect that he did not feel like asking Mr. Paterson squarely what he would take for the railway, but had asked him if he thought \$150,000 would be enough to cover the extension to the city, the terminals at Sidney, and the purchase of his interest in the road, and he had replied that he did. Will the city council seriously propose to ask the citizens to vote \$500,000 into any such blind scheme as this? The worst of it is that the city is not asked to contribute a certain sum and have done with it, but is expected to become a stockholder in a company—to buy a pig in a poke. Would any individual consider such a proposition for a moment if it involved his own money? Would he not insist on having more information? We fancy that he would unless he were bereft of ordinary common sense. We are not arguing that the city council ought to refuse to submit a by-law for which the requisite number of ratepayers have asked, for we believe thoroughly in the principle of permitting the people to determine such questions for themselves. But we do say that it is the duty of the city council, as the custodian of the interests of the taxpayers, to insist before any by-law involving a charge upon the property of the taxpayers is submitted to a vote, that definite information shall be given as to whether the scheme to which the money is to be voted can be carried out, and the uses to which it is proposed to put the money.

The proposal is that the by-law shall not take effect unless certain contingencies are complied with. These are not specified in the by-law but it is understood that one of these is that \$100,000 of stock shall be subscribed by private individuals, another is that the provincial and federal governments shall give certain bonuses, another is that the Mainland municipalities shall take a certain amount of stock and the last is that the remainder of the cost of the project, which is not to exceed \$1,500,000, shall be raised by the flotation of bonds. We submit as a business proposition that the undisclosed promoters of this scheme are putting the cart before the horse. A more businesslike proposition would have been for the promoters to have obtained a subscription of the necessary stock from private persons, to have obtained a careful estimate of the whole cost of the project in detail, to have gone into the money market and made a conditional agreement for the flotation of the bonds, and then come to the city, the municipalities and the governments asking for aid. Or they might very properly have approached the governments before attempting to arrange for the bonds. If this had been done something like a definite proposal could have been made to the ratepayers; but none can now be made. At one of the meetings called to discuss this matter, a speaker asked why more exact figures as to the cost had not been obtained, but only such a general report as Mr. Bell was able to make from a very cursory examination. The answer was there was no money to pay for such an exact examination as would be necessary; that the only sum available was the small amount of \$250 voted by the city for the purpose. Yet every one knows, or ought to know, that before a dollar can be raised on bonds, such an examination and report will have to be made. Who is to pay for it? Not the city, for none of the city's money will be available until all the conditions imposed by the by-law have been complied with. Yet until such an examination and report have been made, no one can pretend to say whether the project can be carried out for the sum proposed. Here are some matters in addition to those mentioned above upon which no one has any definite information:

The availability of the proposed ferry landing at White Rock, Boundary Bay, and the cost of constructing terminals there.

The cost of the right of way through the municipalities between the Coast and Chilliwack.

The cost of the line between Boundary Bay and Chilliwack.

There is not a financier in the world who would talk five minutes with a railway promoter with no more information on these points than has been given to the public. We know that Mr. Bell is very well informed as to the cost of railway construction through a portion of the Mainland, which the proposed railway would traverse, but he does not claim to have made such an examination of the road from White Rock to Chilliwack as will enable him to give more than an approximation of the cost. There are other matters to be considered in connection with this project, but in this article we have confined ourselves to those which lie right upon the surface and touch the financial side of the proposal. The policy of the proposal is a matter for the ratepayers; but the responsibility of seeing that before the ratepayers are asked to pronounce upon the scheme, they are put in possession of something that can be called definite information as to its feasibility from a financial standpoint rests with the city council.

We print the by-law in extenso this morning, and only regret that it is impossible in the space available to comment upon it in detail. Two or three matters may be mentioned in passing. One of them is that the by-law authorizes the proposed trustees to use the money for the purposes of the proposed railway and ferry "or for such other purpose as the trustees may deem advisable." This is certainly a very extraordinary request to make to the ratepayers. A second notable feature of the by-law is that it provides for the recovery by the city of damages against

the company. Now we have been told

that only \$700,000 of stock would be

needed to secure the carrying out of

the project and of this the city is to

pay five-sevenths. Therefore the city is to

be given a right of action against itself,

if any company upon whose directorate it

has a single representative infringes any

of the conditions of the by-law. Another

feature of the case is this: The city is

asked to subscribe \$500,000 of stock. The

plan contemplates a bond issue of \$500,-

000. These bonds cannot be floated at

par. No financial man would pretend

for an instant that they can be. If they

could be placed at 80, they would be

well placed. This would mean that to

raise the necessary \$500,000 at least

\$600,000 of bonds would have to be sold.

If default were made in the payment of

interest, the city would have to assume

the bonds or lose its \$500,000 of stock,

and by and bye, when the Victoria &

Sidney railroad bonds fall due, the city

must take care of these or lose that road.

The by-law therefore contemplates that

the city may incur a responsibility of

at least \$1,400,000, and as much

more than the estimated \$1,500,000 as

the project shall be found to cost. The

ultimate obligation which the city may

reach \$2,000,000. Why, may we ask, is

it proposed to capitalize the company at

\$2,000,000 if the project is to cost only

\$1,500,000, and \$800,000 of this is to be

raised by bonds and bonuses?

We have no end of Suitable Presents.....

For Him!

For Her!

For the Little Ones!

Fountain Pens, Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, Writing Cases, Prang's Art Medallions, Collar and Cuff Boxes, New Stock Prayer and Hymn Books, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Best Dolls in Town, Games of all kinds, Magic Lanterns, Books by the thousands.

Xmas Stockings filled with Toys from 5cts to 30cts

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To Enjoy Christmas,

You Want

Your Cakes Right.



We guarantee to furnish the best quality at the lowest cost. Here patrons will have an immense assortment from which to make selections. There will be no difficulty in assortment from which to make selections. charged will be as little, for the quality given, as anywhere else. Our supply of Xmas Cakes will include over thirty varieties.

Below are four items from our stock. Others will be given from day to day up to Christmas. Watch for them.

English Plum Pudding.

Plum and Fruit Cakes.

The last made—carefully prepared from the finest whole clean fruit; deliciously seasoned. It will remind you of your mother used to make. We will have them in three sizes at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Scotch Short Bread.

Pearl and Sultana Cakes.

Last year we had a demand for a cake of this kind, but cheaper than 30c. lb. We are now offering some without reducing the quality, but by using less fruit, at 15c., 20c. and 25c. per pound.

These are by far the choicest cakes we have ever produced. The material is all of the purest quality.

With the making, mixing and cooking the very best. As a cake for Her Majesty the Victoria housekeeper, to be proud of, 20c. per pound.

The name reminds you no doubt of Xmas in the Old Land. Not often can you get Scotch Short Bread, the taste of the genuine sort—generally it is a substitution. This we guarantee to be as near the genuine as possible—30c.

Not so with the Boer beyond the sea—ignorant, superstitious, intolerant folk. What though they boast their country free; it groans beneath the tyrant's yoke.

III.

A Republic. Indeed, it may be in name; Constitutional law is not there understood; A republic and empire are the same. When the Magna Charta doesn't hold good.

V.

They claim they fight for their homes and land.

Their land and homes are not in Natal. In fact they try and try hard to expand. The Reitz and Joubert and Kruger cabal.

VI.

Then, here's to the Briton; success to his cause;

For blinded by prejudice he who can't see that coln of the realm and wise British laws.

Have made African bondsmen forever free.

T. J. F.

Victoria, December 18, 1899.

After a Cold Drive a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer mixed with a glass of hot water and whisky will be found a better stimulant than whisky. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c. and 50c.

Opening production on a scale of sumptuous magnificence. E. Lewis' Scott's adaptation of Maxwell Grey's Sublime Story.

The SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, 20

Specially written for Mr. H. R. ROBERTS, Which ran for four weeks in Portland, Oregon.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, Dec. 21, 22

"DAVID GARRICK"

SATURDAY, Dec. 23.

"A PRODIGAL FATHER"

The Noted Caledonian Bakery and Confectionery Store, 112 Yates St.

THERE WILL BE A GRAND NEW YEAR PRIZE DRAWING

AT THE ABOVE STORE ON Monday, Jan 1, 1900

AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

For the following prizes: 1st prize value \$75, 1 grand, 10-storey almond led, first class English Fruit Cake.

2nd prize, Large square, artistically decorated Rich Fruit Cake, 30c.

3rd prize, Large size rich Nance plum pudding, 25c.

4th prize, Medium size first class English Plum Pudding.

Tickets 25c each.

Don't fail to call and see the grand display of Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery Establishment, 112 Yates Street.

J. C. DARLING, Proprietor.

115 Government Street.

VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Naylor Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Sheal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimal dry dock.

Wed. Dec. 20.	Thursday, Dec. 21.
Time.	Height above zero
7:40 a.m.	9 feet.
11:45 a.m.	7.7 feet.
2:50 p.m.	8.3 feet.
11:50 p.m.	1.8 feet.

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XMAS Presents.
PERFUMES, TRAVELING CASES,
TOILET CASES, ETC.

HALL & CO., Dispensing Chemists Clarence Blk. Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets.

Voss and the dining room waiter contradicted Davis in the material detail that he knew the hour was after 10 as the dining room closed at 10, by establishing the fact that the dining room was never closed. The bartender distinctly denied having made the sale alleged; and the magistrate determined to take until Thursday for consideration before giving judgment—the point at issue being the exact value to be placed upon the testimony of the informer and his friend.

A Correction.—Miss Vogel's name was inserted in the programme of Miss Merritt's concert without her knowledge or consent. She will not take any part in the entertainment.

Dawson Mail.—The steamer Danube yesterday brought a heavy Northern mail including a number of sacks from Dawson and other points in the interior.

School Decorations.—The various public schools have been very nicely decorated for the approaching holiday season by the scholars, under the direction of the teachers, and the rooms present a very pleasing appearance.

Comfortable Rooms.—The rooms of the Y. W. C. A. have recently been rearranged looking to the comfort and convenience of young women engaged in business, all of whom are invited to make use of them. They can either take their own lunch baskets there or secure lunch and tea from the matron.

...Heisterman & Co.

District Managers

THE LOCAL NEWS.

Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

Carpenters' Tools at Cheapside.

If you have beauty,
I will take it.
If you have none,
I will make it.

Savannah, Photo.

Best Lawn Mowers at Cheapside.

Smoke "Nugget Cigar," Meiss & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Oriental.

Drink "Honid," purest and best of Ceylon teas.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

Air Tight Stoves, perfect beauties, at Clarke & Pearson's.

Majestic Ranges at Cheapside.

Gen. White is all right, so are Kelowna Cigars. Wholesale at B. C. Jobbing Co., 31 Store street.

International Restaurant. Open all night.

Hot lunch at the Manhattan from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Fine lot of Xmas Cigars. Call and see them, Meiss & Co.

Some beautiful effects in stylish French Curtains. You should not miss these. Weiler Bros.

Lodge Meeting—Columbia Lodge, L.O. O.F. will confer the third degree this evening. Other business of importance to members will also be transacted.

A Holiday Postponement.—Owing to the holiday engagements of many members, the monthly social of the Native Sons will not be held this month.

Auction on the premises, No. 9 Store street, Wednesday next, December 20th, at 2 prompt. The entire stock of the cigar, fruit and confectionery business, will be offered en bloc. W. Jones, the City Auctioneer.

Joined in Marriage.—At the St. Andrew's Presbyterian manse yesterday, Rev. W. Leslie Clay performed the ceremony uniting in matrimony Mr. John E. F. Hogan, son of Major-General J. W. Hogan, C.B., of Edinburgh, and Miss Catherine Young, of London, Eng.

Don't be puzzled about what to buy for Christmas. See our large stock of Perfumes, Toilet and Travelling Cases, Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, Atomizers, etc. A pleasure to show them. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

To Carpenters and Contractors.—Written bids addressed "Secretary 5th Regiment Ball Committee," will be received at the Drill hall until Thursday evening next for the purchase of the 6,000 feet No. 1 T. & G. flooring contained in the dancing floor now in hall. Further particulars at Drill hall.

The Hilarious Native.—A dusky resident who had indulged too much for the good of his health contributed a fine of \$5 in the police court yesterday. The police have been kept busy during several days past in assisting the leading captains to round up absent members of their crews, while having received the usual advance had promptly applied the major portion of it to a final spree ashore. The discretion and sound common sense exercised by the police in this manner annually, is only equaled by their zeal in performance of a thankless and unprofitable duty somewhat apart from their sworn obligations.

An Interesting Competition.—At the meeting of the public school board on Monday evening last, a letter from Principal E. B. Paul of the High school was read, informing the board that Ald. Hayward had been so good as to offer a handsome flag as a trophy for competition in drill among the companies of the High school. This offer was accepted with thanks to Mr. Hayward, and Principal Paul was asked to hold the competition some day this week, he being at present engaged in securing the most competent judges. Much rivalry exists among the boys and girls of the High school, each of whom is naturally anxious that his or her company shall achieve the distinction.

Nearly Nipped.—One of the members of the Vancouver detective force arrived over last evening to escort back to the mainland a light-fingered Chinaman known as Ah Quong whom Detectives Perdue, Palmer and Walker had arrested Monday night for theft. Quong is a tall, distinguished Chinaman affecting the European dress but never forgetting the bloddiness of his race. He has been out of town for some little time past, and shortly before Detective Perdue noticed his familiar form on the street. Interpreter McLean had been talking with him in regard to the clever robbery of a Vancouver jeweller house by some unknown Chinaman, a gold watch being the booty. The thief in this case had inspected watches with a view to purchase, and by a simple twist of the wrist concealed the best one offered in his spacious sleeve, escaping before the theft was noted. This little story set the detective thinking, and happening to meet Ah Quong a short time after, he casually inquired the time. "No watch" said the Celestial with the smile that is childlike and bland. He was arrested on general principles, and a fine gold watch presented itself. Quong still smiled, as though he had made a pleasant discovery of possession. Then the wire was set in operation, and the watch found to answer the description even to the number of that stolen in Vancouver. It's a clear case against the cutie Chinkee.

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states: Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis. I had it without cure for six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man." 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

Call and Inspect Our New Stock.

G. C. Hinton & Co.

62 Government Street.

Electric Light Fittings.—Graceful, Elegant, Novel.

Plating in all its Branches is now Executed by Competent Workmen.

HARDRESS CLARKE,

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Cape Cod Cranberries.
Choice Eastern Apples.
Choice Cluster Raisins.TEA AND COFFEE
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HARDRESS CLARKE,

Clothing and Hatter, 55 Johnson Street.

Does quality count with you?

Perfumes
In Holiday Attire
FROM 25c. TO \$7.50

DON'T BUY XMAS PRESENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE INSPECTED OUR STOCK.

C. H. BOWES,
Chemist
100 Government St. Near Yates.

The Little Store with the Big Business

A Good Cause.—This is the evening of the concert to be given in A. O. U. W. Hall in aid of the school for deaf mutes. It should be largely attended.

Nurses Volunteer.—Miss Grady, matron of the Jubilee hospital, and Miss Grady, formerly of the staff of the same institution, both trained and experienced nurses, have again volunteered for service in South Africa. They yesterday telegraphed to Ottawa, asking to be attached to the second Canadian contingent.

A Fine Point.—A petition was in circulation yesterday among Store street business men, addressed to the Indian department, and requesting that that department protest to the city council against the combination of the offices of assistant police court, prosecutor and Chinook interpreter. The petition points out that while in the past the Chief has both prosecuted and interpreted the evidence, such a course is not in accordance with the principles of British courts and is open to grave objection.

Laid at Rest.—One of the most largely attended funerals which has taken place in the city for some time was that of Mr. F. P. Raitt, which took place from the residence of Mr. M. Baker, Frederick street, yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Speer conducted the services and those assisting as pallbearers were Messrs. C. R. King, T. R. Dee and Richard Cales, representing the Foresters, and W. H. Pennock, A. E. Mallett, and C. E. Watkins, representing the Woodmen of the World.

To the Charitable.—The Friendly Help again remind the generous public that there are many, who through no fault of their own, will be unable to participate in the good cheer of this Christmas time unless assistance be given them. This society has the best of opportunities of knowing where help is required, and the donors may rely upon its discretion in dispensing their charities. The abundant supply hitherto presented by the more fortunate children of the public schools, will this year be wanting unless these dear little ones will, though forbidden to bring their gifts to the schools, kindly hand them in to the Friendly Help room in the Public Market building, where a committee will be in attendance all day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week to receive them.

The May Queen.—The cantata, "The May Queen," was repeated in the Institute hall last night to a fair audience, and was rendered very acceptably, although a number of the members of the chorus were unable to be present.

Not Sustained.—A meeting of the Junior Association Football League was held on Monday evening to consider a protest lodged by the South Parkes against the Maple Leafers. The protest was not sustained.

Holiday presents, comprising English Drama Flasks, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Punching Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

Liquidator's Remuneration.—In the Supreme court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Drake, application was made by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, counsel for R. Plewman, the liquidator of the O. K. Mining Co., for remuneration for winding up the affairs of the company. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q. C., appeared for the Old National Bank of Spokane. Judgment was reserved.

Fire Escape Act.—A suggestion has been forwarded to Fire Chief Deasy to Attorney-General Henderson, to the effect that the law dealing with fire escapes should be so amended as to provide that in schools and hospitals of more than two stories, a metallic outside staircase, instead of an upright iron ladder, shall be erected outside the building. This would make it a great deal easier to rescue children or sick persons in case of fire.

Salmon Market.—The demand for salmon has been slightly better, and prices are somewhat firmer. Half-pound tins have slightly advanced. We find that an error occurred in the report on the salmon market at Liverpool last week, that the supply of half-pound Fraser River is ample for present requirements, and prices are receding.

The position is, and has been for some time past, that half-pound tins are exceedingly scarce and difficult to buy, both on the spot and for forward delivery, and consequently prices are gradually on the rise.

Real Hair Switches.

Natural early fringes, Pompadour Rolls and Combs, etc. Combs made up in any style; also Hair Dressing, Shampooing, Scalp Treatment, Face Massage, Manicuring, etc., at

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Trouble in A Shipyard.

Ship Caulkers Explain Difficulties of the Union With the Central Yard.

Danube Down From North—Overdue Vessels Bound to British Columbia Ports.

The trouble which has been brewing between the local Shipwrights and Caulkers' Association and William Turpel, proprietor of the Central Shipyard, has culminated in the association repudiating the yard as a union one. Notice to this effect was given in the Colonist yesterday morning by the insertion of the following advertisement:

"Notice: To Shipowners and Carpenters—Mr. Turpel's shipyard (Central) being advertised by the owners as a non-union shipyard, until further notice members of the association decline to work on any vessel handled in the above yard. (Signed) Executive Committee of the Shipwrights' and Caulkers' Association of Victoria and Esquimalt."

Mr. Turpel's refusal to meet the wishes of the shipwrights and caulkers is understood to be based on the contention that he has been compelled to employ inferior union workmen, and that union workmen were in the habit of doing jobs around the waterfront, to the detriment of business of the yard. The caulkers and shipwrights explain that last summer the association was reorganized, as the men concluded it was high time they had some protection for the trade, as house carpenters and bridge builders, at lower wages, were put amongst them, the boss getting the benefit of the difference in wages. Some of the men worked on a scow in Mr. Turpel's yard last spring expecting to get the regular wage of \$4.50 per day, but they only received \$3.50, and some \$4 per day. The bossowitz was repaired in the same way, all kinds of labor being employed. Hence the necessity of the association. The only attempt at strikes in the Central yard was when Mr. Turpel attempted to work non-union men, and so the case stands.

OVERDUE VESSELS.

A Number of Craft Making Long Voyages to This Port.

The Journal of Commerce of Liverpool published on December 1 the following list of the vessels bound to this port, the number of days they are out, and the rates on which re-insurance closed on them: Kennebec, 109.7; Australian, 149.15; Camborne, 189.10; Rajore, 155.5; Godiva, 155.5; General Nenmeyer, 165.5; Normandie, 141.7; Mercadal de Turenne, 136.5 to 7; Cassard, 132.5 to 7; Louis Pasteur, 136.5; Jules Verne, 144.5; Strona, 157.5 per cent.

Tugs Lorne and Holyoke are back in port after having towed the salmon ships County of Cardigan and Killarney to sea. The steamer Queen arrived yesterday

after a quick passage from San Francisco.

THE DANUBE IN.

With Good Freight and Passenger Lists From the North.

With eighteen passengers and a good freight list, the C.P.N. steamer Danube arrived from Skagway yesterday morning. The Victoria passengers were D. McKinnon, D. E. McLeod, O. Johnson, R. Wollaston, C. Anderson; for Vancouver, A. Branchett, H. L. Wheeler, J. S. Dougherty, C. Calkin and J. McLennan; for Seattle, L. Lawson, B. H. Christie, J. Larson, C. Huff, J. Mosher; for Tacoma, Mrs. Smith. The Danube sails North again this evening.

SICK HEADACHES.

The curse of overcooked workmen, are quickly and surely cured by Kari's Clover Root Tea, the great blood purifier and tissue builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price 25cts. and 50cts. All drug-gists.

PERSONAL.

W. A. Ward of Alberni is a guest at the Oriental.

P. T. Patton returned from the Mainland last evening.

Col. Charles Reichenbach of Dawson is at the Oriental.

Mrs. N. D. Macaulay returned from the Sound yesterday.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., of Revelstoke, is here for the session.

Mr. Ernest Hall was a passenger from the Mainland yesterday.

W. H. Armstrong, of Armstrong & Morrison, Vancouver, is in the city.

Capt. David Gilmore, Puget Sound pilot, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

J. Wilson and Albert Caldwell of Skagway registered at the Victoria yesterday.

H. R. Roberts and the Misses Moore, of the Moore-Roberts Company, are at the Victoria.

Mrs. Von Rehine, who went to Vancouver to attend the funeral of her brother, the late W. Caldwell, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Hugh Wright, mother and sister of the late E. J. Gray, came over from the Sound yesterday to attend the funeral to-day.

Capt. H. H. Lloyd and J. S. Lartimer, United States customs officers, came over from the Sound yesterday to meet the stricken Queen.

E. W. Shirk, one of the owners, and Miss Shirk, purse of the schooner Hera, which was bound in Clayoquot Sound, arrived at Victoria.

Wm. Lomimer returned last evening from Vancouver where he was successful in interesting Mainland capitalists in West Coast mining properties, that section being in great demand with investors looking for "a good thing" at this time.

Headquarters Here.—Mr. R. Machin, general agent for Canada for William Bennett, Sons & Co., fuse manufacturers of Cornwall, Eng., has opened an office on Yates street and will make Victoria his headquarters, recognizing this as the great distributing centre for the mines of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Mr. Machin was formerly provincial traveller for the Giant Powder Company, of this city.

The D. & L. Emerson benefits most those having long illnesses with tendency to hemoptysis. A few bottles taken regularly make a wonderful improvement. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

"SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND."

A Remarkable Production In the Hands of Artists From Over the Sea.

The English dramatization of Maxwell Gray's "Silence of Dean Maitland," with which Mr. H. R. Robert's company of Australian players opened their Victoria engagement yesterday evening, and in which there will be seen again to-night, is certainly a unique departure from stereotyped dramatic standards—a virtual challenge to the critics in its text and development.

That the play possesses considerable literary excellence, although distinctly melodramatic and abounding in crudities, is beyond dispute; that the prominence given to sacred subjects, the church, its services, and its holy associations, is open to vigorous attack (and perhaps capable defence) is also patent.

The theme itself is familiar; the play distinctly reminiscent of others, not "The Scarlet Letter" only, but with a flavor of "Sowing the Wind" and a vague suggestion of "La Tosca."

Yet with the melodramatic development of the not unknown text, the play is distinctly original, and the very challenge that is given to the church is boldly launched.

As a dramatic production "The Silence of Dean Maitland" possesses in marked degree the merit of continuity and climacteric value, every chapter of the staged story leading with increasing force to the tremendous church scene finale upon which Mr. Roberts has concentrated his attention and his art.

Incidentally the play introduces unobtrusively several distinct and accurate types of English rusticity—these "people of a small world" being very carefully drawn and presented with scholarly fidelity.

In the title and pivotal role of the Dean, Mr. Roberts' last evening was a study in contrasts. His voice was so admirably sufficient and so well controlled as to meet all the requirements of changing depths of intense feeling to perfection—yet his plodding of countenance when the face should be some index of a mental torment was exasperating.

His short soliloquy in the country chuchyard; his presage acceptance of the significant threat of the Dr. Thaddeus—where opportunity is given for a truly magnificent study—were surprising; yet his last great scene of confession and expiation at the altar step is at once masterly, intense and dignified, the work of an actor of great capability. Indeed the entity of the actor was lost in that of the preacher-penitent.

Of the support, Miss Maggie Moore does an effective Lillian Maitland, although stretching artistic license to the limit in assuming that a woman's appearance may sustain no change at the hand of time even in eighteen weary years of sorrow.

The Winnie Maitland of Miss Ethel Bashford is a very dainty, unaffected and welcome bit of juvenile work; and the Benson of Mr. C. Lyndon notably well subordinated and yet effective. Rare good comedy is contributed by Messrs. Percy Ward, C. Fredericks and C. Lyndon, the former gentleman (Granter) having allotted to him some very clever lines of true comedy.

The others are sufficient to the demands upon them.

GREASEPAINT.

Prompt relief in such headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, gout, neuralgia, etc., by taking Carter's Little Liver Pill. One a dose. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

For the cure of rheumatism, etc., take

Christmas Cheer.—In accordance with established custom, corporation checks for \$25 each are being sent to date to the following charitable institutions: The Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals; the Protestant and Roman Catholic orphanages; the B. C. Benevolent Society, and the Friendly Help.

What about your Winter Clothes?

When you buy get Shorey's make.

We offer this advice, now we will give you our reasons.

BECAUSE Though not made to order, it is made to fit.

BECAUSE You will be a well dressed man and your friends will remark it.

BECAUSE Your clothes will cost one half the price you would pay your tailor and you will be better dressed.

BECAUSE It is guaranteed in every stitch.

BECAUSE It is sold with the distinct understanding that you get Satisfaction or your money returned.

See that Shorey's Guarantee Card is in the pocket, if it is not, you are not getting Shorey's make.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased.

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ATLIN, B. C.

UNDER PATRONAGE OF BISHOP OF COLUMBIA.

The mission work amongst the sailors supplies the ships with a free grant of books and papers. The Seamen's Institute on Store street is free to all sailors.

Dated this 2nd December, 1899.

J. P. WALLS,

14 Bastion Square, Victoria.

Solicitors for the executors, Thomas Flewin, Chas. F. Flewin and James Longhurst.

CHRISTMAS WINES SPECIAL IMPORTATION.

G. H. MUMM & CO'S.
"EXTRA DRY."

The importation list of Champagnes, just to hand, compiled from official United States Customs House records from Jan. 1st to Dec. 1st, 1899, shows that for that period there were imported into the United States 97,083 cases. During the first week in December, this amount was increased to

OVER 100,000 CASES.

These figures, which do not include the large quantity imported direct by Pitther & Leiser, are by far the largest imports ever attained by any Champagne house into the United States.

The imports of Mumm's "EXTRA DRY" for the closing year of 1899 will largely exceed those of any previous year, and are greatly in excess of those of any other brand. It all goes to prove that the public appreciate a wine that continues its high excellence unvaried from year to year.

RHINE WINES

Following is a list of these delicious wines, specially imported for the Christmas Trade, from the famous house of Gebr. Feist & Sohne, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany.

LAUBENFIMER	1893.
NIERSTEINER	1893.
LIEBFRAUMILCH	1893.
RUDESHEIMER	1893.
ZELTINGER	1893.
BERNCASTELER DOCTOR ..	1889.

RED AND WHITE WINES.

PRELLER'S CLARETS AND SAUTERNES,
B. BERT'S SAUTERNES,
F. DESBOME & CIE,
CLARETS AND SAUTERNES.

These high-class French Wines have been handled by our house for upwards of thirty years, a proof of their excellent qualities.

Of the above Wines we sell only in quantities of one case and upwards. Anyone desiring a lesser quantity can be directed to a dealer where they can purchase the same.

PITHER & LEISER, VICTORIA, B.C.

*'Thousands drink Blue
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PROVINCIAL NEWS

MAYNE ISLAND.

Galiano, Dec. 18.—A pretty wedding was celebrated on Mayne Island Thursday last when Miss Anderena M. Georgeson, eldest daughter of Mr. Jas. Georgeson, of the East Point lighthouse, was united in marriage to Wm. Deacon, a popular young farmer of that island. Rev. Dr. Reid of New Westminster was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a dress of embossed cream silk trimmed with Brussels lace and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations and roses, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses J. and E. Georgesons (sisters of the bride), Miss Mary Bennett and Miss Rita Brethour of Sidney, who wore dresses of white muslin, each carrying a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Robert Mills of Saanich. Over 150 guests partook of the wedding-breakfast, which was afterwards provided at the spacious hall of the Point Comfort hotel and a delicious and convivial evening was spent by the numerous friends who showered their congratulations and good wishes upon the happy couple.

ASHCROFT.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo mine, had the misfortune to fracture his ankle last week. Dr. Hogg says the fracture is not as bad as was first thought, but it will be four or five weeks before Mr. Hobson will be able to move about as usual.

Perhaps the happiest part of the Orangebanquet last week was the purse of \$10 collected from the members and guests for W. Thompson, a member of the order whose home at Savonias was completely destroyed by fire.

A meeting of teamsters, blacksmiths, hotel men and others was held in the town hall one night this week to devise ways and means to put on a better basis the unsatisfactory condition of the freighting business of the Cariboo road. Messrs. Bryson, Nelson, Curry and Barrister Murphy were appointed a committee to draw up a plan to be presented at another meeting.

Mr. Rabbet, traveller for the Okanagan Flour Company, of Armstrong, was in Ashcroft on Thursday. He reports a ready salt for the products of his company's mills. Owing to damaged crops throughout Okanagan district, wheat will be imported from Manitoba to keep the mill running. All the spelt wheat of Okanagan district is sold for chicken feed. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars represents the value of spelt wheat purchased yearly by the chicken raisers of British Columbia. This may account for the good prices of chickens and eggs.

From the 150-Mile House comes information of the death of Raphael Philiphine of Dog Creek. For some time Dr. Herald has been treating him for Bright's disease, but a long overland trip he had taken some time ago had so weakened his constitution that recovery was impossible. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. Pigeon of Dog Creek, Miss L. Philiphine of Kamloops, and a brother, Simon Philiphine of Kamloops. The funeral, which took place from St. Joseph's Mission, was largely attended.

E. B. Dodson, who has spent the last two years in the Omineca mining district, came down on Tuesday. Mr. Dodson came out to Quesnel in July. He reports work is being done on quartz properties by Edmonton parties about ten miles from the junction of the Parsnip and Findlay rivers. The building of the Stuart's Lake road, Mr. Dodson says, means everything for the Omineca country. Coal and mica as well as quartz have been found by Mr. Dodson while engaged prospecting. He will return to the Omineca in the spring—Jour-

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 15.—The road to White's Camp which has been in the course of construction for some weeks under the auspices of the government and the citizens of Greenwood, as represented by the Board of Trade, is now about completed. The original arrangement was that the government was to contribute \$1,500 and the citizens \$1,500, but in order to complete the road it was found that \$1,000 more would be necessary, and that amount the government agreed to contribute. Mr. Hall, a foreman, has had charge of the work.

The Alabam theatre owned by Branson & Company is about completed and arrangements have been made for the opening on the 16th. The management have engaged Hendryson and Ross and a company of special artists for the occasion. They have built and equipped one of the best opera houses in the in-

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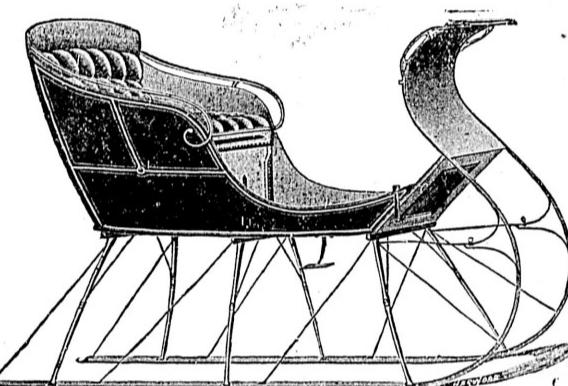
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